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# "A World's Fair of Life as Well as of Things," "A World's Fair That Shall Create for Permanence."--Walter B. Stevens.

### The Secretary of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Writes of His Observations in the Field of Great Expositions

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. As the Centennial was to the Columbian, so will the Columbian stand to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The prediction may seem rash at this stage of preparation, but it will work

There is evolution in expositions. The Centennial was a great thing in 1876. Everybody talked about it. Everybody

two commissioners from each State drawing mileage and per diam subsistence, wrestled with the problem of a World's Fair and promoted the gayety of nations by unseemly wrangles and clumsy efforts to make progress.

Toward the close of September, 1890, more than six months after Congress had authorized the World's Fair at Chicago, the movement was in such bad repute that the commissioners solemnly put forth this astonishing declaration:

Everybody talked about it. Everybody who could went, Some statesman at Washington made a speech the following winter in which he bitterly inveighed against expositions. He told how people had sold their winter stoyes in summer to get money to go to the Centennial, and were then shivering in their homes in penance for their folly.

"Been to the Centennial?" was the way conversations started for a year afterwards. William J. Florence satirized it. "Been to the Centennial?" he would ask the widow, in his character of the frisky old Senator of the "Mighty Dollar," and then the house would roar. The awakening of interest in the Centennial was sudden. It came with the opening of the gates. It developed into a mild kind of a craze. The paid admissions at the Centennial were 8,000,000.

For a year after Chicago obtained from Congress the legislation to hold the Columbian Exposition the proposition was treated with levity by the rest of the world. A great unwieldy body of



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Exposition, the advantage which exists here becomes measurable. Philadelphia had to create the Centennial craze when the exposition was ready. Chicago was com-pelled to fight down derision and build up respect in place of it. St. Louis enters the exposition field without either handicap. In these different conditions is found primary reason for hope of success that was be-yond the reach of either of the other Amer-

ican World's Fair cities. Philadelphia had 8,000,000 visitors who paid, Chicago had 21,000,000. The turnstiles at St. Louis should click for over 30,000,000

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The travel habit has had amazing development in the United States during the past ten years. Railroad men know that from their traffic earnings. The figures which the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington keeps tell the story of the growing custom of Americans to get on the cars and go somewhere. This estimate of 30,500,000 paying attendance for St. Louis is conservative.

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World's Fair will reach 40,000,000, and in support of their conclusions point to the growth of the travel habit as shown in the statistics of railway passenger traffic.

These general and exterior conditions factor St. Louis. They will contribute to success. The Fair itself will do the rest. The Centennial was attended with some sentiment, but its impressiveness lay in that it was an exposition of manufactures at a time when many industries were in infancy.

The such a nucleus, natural to the celebration of the centennial of the Purchase, it is no far-fetched suggestion to add the typical life presented by communities of a hundred or more people brought from various countries, living in houses built on the plan of their homes, pursuing their native industries, turning out their products for souvenirs, practicing their customs and restreambered gratefully by Philadelphia.

In some respects St. Louis begins where Chicago left off. The dear knowledge which represents millivrs on the wrong side of the falumbian ledger is in possession of the falumbian ledger is in pos for the impetus which it gave to industries.

First the bigness of the buildings and next the beauty of the ephemeral architecture were what made the Columbian notable. After these are emphasized, what remains?

The Louisiana Purchase exposition Directors in the Columbian Purchase will outstrip the Columbian as far as the Columbian surpassed the Centennial. How? It is too soon sight exceeding that which Chicago was ceding it.

from the promise. An exposition grows in the brains as well as by the hands of its builders. Out of the wealth of suggestion comes as naturally as germination of seed the genius of a World's Fair. Some phases seem to be showing not definitely, but in forecast shadows. They indicate no borrowing, no copying of ideas.

Life, the human activities, it seems, will be predominant in the St. Louis World's Fair. Government commissioners, directors of the commany, the newspapers, the public,

of the company, the newspapers, the public, advocate and approve it. There is no resist-ance to this line of effort to make the St. Louis World's Fair of its own class.

terest and good will which accompany the to tell in detail, but that does not detract able to realize up to the opening preparation for the Louisiana Purchase from the promise. An exposition grows in gates of the White City. gates of the White City.
In so far as the finances are of no such opportunity has been ; throughout the previous history The situation for St. Louis resolves i

into a problem of ideas and the execut of them. Upon the problem some of the thought of the world is already focus World's | Patrick Geddes, the Edinburgh who organized a great staff of lectur made of the Paris Exposition a six r all-world university for thousands thusiastic students, writes to Professor liam T. Harris, United States Superinten of Education, at Washington: "The new c tury should not waste its exhibitions the past has done." He suggests the fe bility, in which he has entire confidence. making the exposition create for the a permanent series of buildings and seums, which would make it in many respects the best-equipped culture center the world."

Professor Geddes, while in Paris, gave much time to the question of permanent buildings and museums of exhibits. He found the sentiment strong among repre-sentatives of other nations for some plan of preserving the value and glory of the exposition. The evolution of this idea came too late for practical results at Paris. Pro-fessor Geddes hopes for realizations at Bu-

"Frankly," he writes, "I should like much to get at St. Louis, whether by turing or organizing for a short time, the plans are still m

## FIREMAN GREEN PLUNGED TO **DEATH WHILE COMRADES WERE** STRUGGLING TO RESCUE HIM.

Fell Ninety Feet While Trying to Escape From Roof of Burning Furniture Stores on Olive Street-Four Companions Saved-A Panic Among the Audience at Children's Entertain-

ment at the Century Theater.

ine Company No. 22, lost his life yesterday afternoon at a fire which partially destroyed the five-story buildings on the northwest from No. 1101 to No. 1115

Green was endeavoring, with four con panions, to escape from a perilous position on the roof of the building on the corner, by siding down a section of hose, when he lost his hold and plunged ninety feet to the

Edward Green, assistant foreman of En- | Loss Is Estimated at \$100,000 by Fire Chief Swingley-Stock of Five Stores Damaged.



The building in which the fire started is occupied by furniture and house-furnishing concerns and retail stores. The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock by a clerk in the Vickers Stove Company store, one of the occupants of the building. He saw smoke issuing from an attic window of the Lowenstein Furniture, Stove and Carpet Company's store, No. 1107 Olive. He turned in an alarm, which was followed by two others as soon as the first engines arrived.

The blure proved a hard one to locate, and the firemen had much difficulty in getting to work to any purpose. They finally discovered the seat of the blaze between the roof and the fifth floor ceiling, and then it was attacked with vigor. Smoke poured from every window of the top floors of the building, and streams were played through these and on the roof from every side. As the deinge of water had no apparent effect in checking the flames, several fire companies were ordered to the top floors and the roof, to fight the flames at close quarters.

The Za, 4s and Zs each took a line of one in through the Broadway Furniture ompany's store, on the corner, to the roof, trough a scuttle hole. Bome of the firemen ent through to the Loewenstein store next por, on the fifth floor, while Ed Green, william Flowers of the Zs. William Moente of the Us and Fred Diese and William Meyers of the Zs dragged a line of one to the root of "The Broadway."

and flames, borne by the west wind, solled fiercely over them, curling into the window below.

Their fractic shouls attracted the attention of the wast crowd of spectators, who, looking up at the whirtwind of smoke and flame which obscured the men on the roof for what seemed hours at the time, sent up a groun of nity and hours at the time, sent up



In the window on the fifth floor, on which the Hayes truck rested, directly beneath the men on the roof, were Mike Brennan, Joe Reach and Abe Schumacher of the ts. These added their cries to the men on the ground, and is the twinkling of an eye, almost, Frank Reedy, Jim Sullivan and Paul Mills, also of the is, were starting up the Hayes truck with a short pompier ladder and a coil of rope, to the rescue of their comrades.

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It was comparatively slow work mounting the ladder, fast as the men worked, and meantime the situation of the men on the record and grown desperate. Fearing that the rescuers would not reach them before the smoke and fiame, which was blowing overwhelm them, Green ordered his companions to drag the line of hose which they had dropped, to the edge of the roof, drop it over, and prepare to slide down it to the Hayes ladder.

With desperate energy the men obeyed him and succeeded in dropping about twelve feet of the heavy hose over the cornice, but their strength was unequal to the task of carrying it further. As the hose hung down the side of the building over the cornice, the nozale hung about ten feet from the rungs of the ladder below and about three feet away from the fifth-story window, in which stood their anxious comfades.

Attached to the base of the nozale was the "jockey-stick," a wooden handle about three feet long, which is used by the pipemen to assist them in directing the stream from the hose. This is firmly attached to the base of the nozale was the "jockey-stick," a wooden handle about three feet long, which is used by the pipemen to assist them in directing the stream from the hose. This is firmly attached to the base of the nozale was the "jockey-stick," a wooden handle about three feet long, which is used by the pipemen to assist them in directing the stream from the hose. This is firmly attached to the pare ladder, Gran, asparently as nothing to give his control before with the M-text post reached them, slid down the hose to the lockey-stick; with a summer to the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of the ladder of the ladder. The ladder of the ladder of t

and those on the ladder with him, and those in the window to make fast the pompler ladder to the jockey-stick and then send a man up with a rope to be attached to the hose, down which line the men could wlide to the window and safety.

GREEN'S ANXIETY

WAS FATAL.

In his anxiety Green got off the jockeystick and reached down to assist in drawing the pompler ladder up. As he hung
thus his legs dangled just within reach of the men in the window, and Sullivan and Brennan reached out and grabbed each a leg of his trousers at the bottom, while all shouted a warning to him to hold tight and wait until the pompler ladder was se-

curely fastened.

Buddenly, without warning, Green's hold slipped on the wet hose as he overreached himself, and he fell headions. As he neared the extension ladder he made two desperate clutches at the rungs, but falled to grasp them. them Sullivan and Brennan, bracing them-selves against the window sill as they saw him plunging downward, attempted to stay his fall with their grip on his trousers, but their hold was too frail. AWFUL PLUNGE TO DEATH.

For the fraction of a second the unfor-tunate freman paused in his downward flight as his arms struck the ladder in a despairing search for a hold, then he plunged heavily downward. His body turned twice in its descent, and struck the gran-itoid sidewalk with a sound that chilled the blood in the hearts of the thousands who witnessed the accident. Green's body had scarcely touched the sidewalk when a dozen fremen picked him witnessed the accident.

sidewalk when a dozen firemen picked him up. He was still breathing, although his head and face were crushed almost beyond recognition. Without waiting for an embu-lance the firemen carried him to the dis-pensary, two blocks away, but when he reached there he was dead. PLOWERS'S EXHIBITION

Although stunned for the moment by the fate of Green, the firemen were compelled temporarily to forget him in their concern for his companions, who were still on the root in a serious predicament. Undaunted roof in a serious predicament. Undaunted by the fate of the man who had preceded him, William Flowers of the 3st essayed the perilous descent. He slid down the hose to the jookey-stick at the nozzle. To the frenzied shouts of the multitude below, who feared a repetition of the tragedy, and the warnings of his comrades in the window and on the truck, Flowers waved his hand confidently, as though to assure them that he had no fear. As he reached the jockey-stick and straddled it, he accidentally touched the valve of the nozzle, turning on the full stream of water, which caused the home to which he was clinging to sway dangerously.

with the utmost coolness he reached down and turned back the valve, checking the stream, which was deluging the firemen on

the ladder.

Within a few minutes the pompler ladder was made fast to the jockey-stick and a line was passed up to Flowers, who made it fast about the hose. He then "shinned" down the line to the waiting arms of the firemen in the window, amid a burst of cheers from the spectators below.

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Fortunately, at this juncture the wind shifted, blowing the smoke and flame toward the west, allowing the three remaining firemen on the roof a clear view of the operations below them. As soon as Flowers reached safety, they drew the hose back to the roof, made the line fast and each of them slid down without mishap. Diese was the last man to go over the roof and when he was hauled in through the window the crowd below sent up a rousing cheer.

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Owing to the inflammable nature of the material which the flames fed upon, the fire proved a stubborn one, and upon several occasions, despite the efforts of the firemen, the destruction of the entire block of buildings was threatened. After two hours work the firemen gained the mastery, and at \$20 Chief Swingley announced that it was under control. The major portion of the damage is confined to the Loewenstein company's building. The entire roof of the eastern portion of the building is destroyed and the two upper floors throughout. The lower floors were deluged with water, and, although the Salvage Corps spread many tarpaulins, the damage by water will be very considerable. Chief Swingley estimated the damage at \$100,000. The origin of the fire is not known, but the members of The Broadway firm believe it to have been caused by crossed electric-light wires.

The building is owned by Mrs. Fannic Halderman of Kanssa City and Mrs. Jetome of New York, heirs of the Dorris estate. It is fully insured and Charles H. Turner is the agent for the property.

DCCUPANTS AND THEFT LOSSES.

The Broadway occupies Nos. 1161, 1162 and the upper four stories of No. 1165 Olive street. The store is operated by a stock company, of which Louis Strauss is the president. He said that the value of the entire stock was between \$150,000 and \$100,000, that the loss could not at once be stranted, but that the loss is fully covered by insurance.

The Val A. Reis Music Company's store, No. 1165 Olive street, was drenched with water, but the Salvage Corps had covered everything with tarpulina, much diminishing the loss.

The Lowestell Furniture, Stove and Chipe Company Gccupies five floors at No. 1167 Olive street. Losse Weishrich, one of the street about material for the value of the street and the loss.

the loss, which, he said, was fully covered by insurance.
The Vickers Stove Company occupies the five floors of the building at No. 1109 Olive

water and smoke. C. L. Whittemore, one of the incorporators, said that the value of the stock was about \$20,600, and that they had insurance to this amount.

The Phoenix Furniture Company occupies.

Now. Ill. and 1112 Olive street. Mr. Nathan-

Nos. 1111 and 1113 Olive street. Mr. Nathanson, president of the company, said that his company had suffered a heavy loss, occa-sioned by water. He said that he could not give figures, but that the stock, valued at \$60,000, was covered by insurance.
Conroy Bros., agents for the Edison Talk-

ing-Machine Company, occupy No. 1115 Olive street, or the extreme festern end of the building. This firm suffered a slight loss by water.

PANIC AT THE CENTURY THEATER.

The noise and din of clanging bells and passing fire engines created a temporary panic at the Century Theater, where a matinee performance of "Monte Cristo's Wedding" was in progress. The theater was Wedding" was in progress. The theater was crowded with women and children. The excited rush of people to the street through the corridor of the Ceptury building could be seen through the side exit and, fearing that the building was sea fire, a number of women rose and stampeded for the door. In a ment the theater was in an upfer that the strength was rong down and the audience at the parquet filed rapidly out. On the second floor and in the gallery the advice of cooler heads was of no avail. A woman appeared at a third-floor window

womah appeared at a third-floor window facing the alley between Ninth and Tenth streets and implored frantically for aid. In a moment the window was filled with strug-gling forms of women and little children. On the second floor a little girl leaned far out of the window, as if about to jump. An out of the window, as if about to jump. Ar out of the window, as if about to jump. An express wagon was standing in the alley directly under a window. Upon the top of the wagon two men sprang and forcibly punhed back the excited persons inside. Two girls, about 11 years old, wept and wrung their hands in despair.

Meantime, a crowd had gathered below and, in hoarse shouts, assured the frightened theater-goers that there was no danger. A woman appeared at the third-story.

ger. A woman appeared at the third-story window and excitedly pushed a small child out on the window sill. Shouts were of no avail and the crowd looked for the little one to fall to the ground the next moment. A group of men took stands below the window to catch the child. On the fire escapes dow to catch the child. On the fire escapes on the building across the alley several men assured the mother that there was no danger, and she finally withdrew the child. Fully five minutes clapsed before order was restored and the excited women and children persuaded to descend the stairs.

Ruth Mitchell, ene of the little girls who appeared in the production of "The Wedding of Monte Cristo," at the Century matinee yesterday afternoon, became frightened

ince yesterday afternoon, became frightened when some one in the audience cried "fire" and rushed from the stage in her costume of red tights west on Olive toward Eleventh street. When near the fire she was over-taken by Jacob Mahler, who superintended the play at the Century, After she had been quieted, Pat Short, the manager of the theater, ordered a carriage and sent her

home.
Traffic in the streets, Olive and Eleventh. was stopped for three hours. The police had great trouble in keeping the crowds outside the ropes, especially when Fireman Green fell to his death and the other firemen were making their perilous escapes from the roof.

#### NEWSPAPER MEN ADJOURN.

Elect Officers, Then Leave to Visit Mammoth Springs.

West Plains, Mo., May 18.—The Southwest Missouri Press Association closed a two days' session here to-day. The members left at noon for Mammoth Spring, Ark., on

an excursion.

The following officers were elected:
President, Phil S. Griffith, Greenfield Vidette;
first vice president, Charles L. Woods, Rolla
Herald-Democrat; econd vice president, Charles
Ray, Cassville Democrat; third vice president,
W. W. Kinloch, Christian County Republican;
recording secretary W. A. Martin, Liberal Enterprise; corresponding secretary, James T. Barterprise; corresponding secretary, James T. Barbee, Ash Grove Commenwealth; treasurer, Miss
Miss, Newton County News. CAPT. GRAFFITH FALLS DEAD. Veteran of Civil War and Had

Held Public Office.

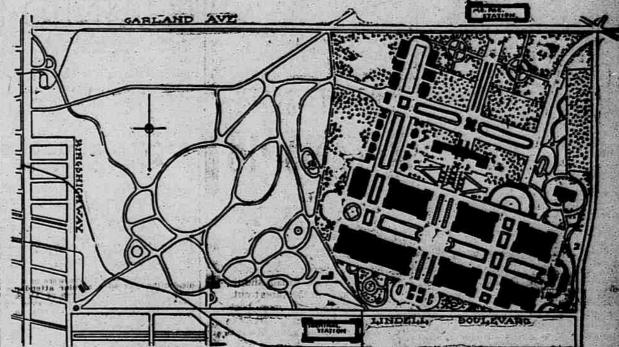
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Macomb. III., May 18.—Captain Benjamin
A. Graffith fell dead at his home at Sciota
this morning from an attack of apoplexy.
He was a schoolmate of Senstur Foraker
and served through the war in Company I.,
One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Hilnois
Volunteers.

New Missouri Corporations.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., May B.—Certifi
of incorporation were issued by Secr
of State Sam B. Cook to-day as follor
The Joplin-Elk River Stone Company of
lin; capital stock, 52,000, incorporators—
Stovens, J. W./Freeman, A. F. Donnan
others.

## SITE PROPOSED FOR USE OF WORLD'S FAIR.



PLAT SHOWING WORLD'S FAIR SITE PROPOSED BY THE FOREST PARK WORLD'S FAIR FREE SITE ASSOCIATION.

This cut represents the part of Forest Park which the Forest Park World's Fair Free Site Asse ciation proposes to use for World's Fair purposes. It contains 668 acres, one-third more space than was used by the Columbian Exposition in Jackson Park, Chicago. It is claimed that the proposed arrangement of the buildings will leave the larger part of the trees in the park untouched.

### LEADING TOPICS IN TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Generally fair Sunday. 11. Question of More Pay Interesting Teachshowers in southeast portion. Monday, fair: variable winds.

For Illinois-Fair Sunday, excep showers in southern portion. Monday, fair, with warmer in southers For Arkansas-Cloudy Sunday and Monday; probably showers; variable

1. Fair Directors Off for Buffalo.

Actress Got Rich on a Trader's Tip. Making Study of Civic Conditions. The Railroads.

. Court Decides Suit About Premium. 6. Fire Insurance Rebate Withdrawn.

Sued by Her Jilted Lover. East Side Excited About Oil.

River Telegrams.

8. Face of Man and Beast Indicate Char-Sack of Peanuts for Wedding Present.

9. All a Question of Shoulder Straps. Keen Interest in Bartlett Murder Trial. Chicago Preacher Upholda Pugliism.

. Remarkable Career of a Bogus Count. Crystal Reading the New Fad.

Anxious to Know Man's Real Name.

Only Woman Jailer in United States.

Albany Strike Settled. 12. City News in Brief.

13. Accuses Friend of Wrecking Home, General Blood's Brilliant Campaign. Blind Tiger Under Literary Cloak.

14. Attorney Accused of Counterfeiting.

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Told White Flancee He Had Negro Bleed,

2. Many St. Louis Girls Will Tour Europe

2. Society in Neighboring Cities

4. Editorial. Governor Dockery as a Presidential Possibility. Hill Favors Law Restricting Wall

5. Partner Gone, Money Missing

8. Takes Too Many Pills. Woman Named as Receiver.

Letters in Cahn Trial.

6. Grain and Produce.

7. Financial News.

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Destructive Fire on Olive Street. 2. Death Notices.

News in Brief.

3. Race-Track Results.

4. College Athletics.

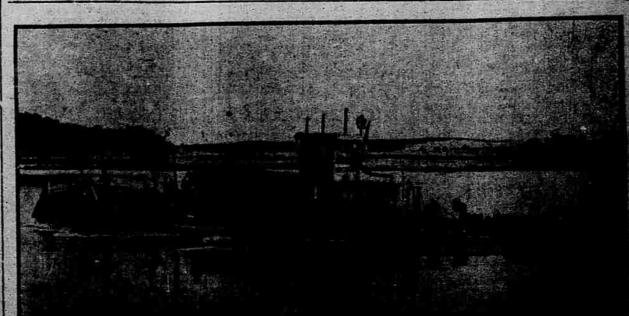
5. Turf News and Comment. 6. Paris Interested in Figure's Chi

London Excited by American i British Army Reform.

PART IV. Record of Births, Marriages, De Pages One to Seven, Inc

Want and Real Estate Adv PART V.

Magazine and Comic Sections Boy Accidentally Killed.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Bowling Green, Mo., May B.—Barn Strother, Jr., was killed accidentally with hunting near McCune Station to-day I getting over a fence his gun was discharged and the entire load of shot entired his less side. He was 14 years old, and the only one of M. M. Strother, a grocer of this city.



THE CITY OF PADUCAH AS SHE NOW LIES IN THE MISSISSIPPT RIVER, NOT PAR GRAND TOWER